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<u>Attempted Homicide / Controlled Substance for Sales Arrest</u>

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, at approximately 3:48 a.m., Monterey Police Department Officers were dispatched to a call of gunshots heard in the Old Monterey Neighborhood area.

Neighbors told Officers they heard an argument and two gunshots. Officers canvassed the area for evidence and began interviewing potential witnesses. Officers found two rounds had struck a window of a nearby residence. Officers checked the residence and determined no one was struck inside. Evidence was collected from the scene.

Monterey Detectives responded to the scene to conduct follow-up. Their investigation revealed an altercation occurred between Matthew Parker, 35, of Monterey, and Kyle Nichols, 32, of Salinas.

At approximately 12:35 p.m., on Saturday, September 9, 2023, Monterey Officers and Detectives located Parker in the Old Monterey Neighborhood area. Parker was found to be in possession of over eight pounds of suspected fentanyl. The suspected fentanyl was found in counterfeit Xanax bars, blue "M30" pills, and purple powder. Parker was arrested for violations of Health and Safety Code (HS) 11351 – Possession of a controlled substance for sale, 11378 HS – Possession of a controlled substance for sale, 11352(a) HS – Transportation of a controlled substance and California Penal Code (PC) 4573 – Brought a controlled substance into jail.

Parker was transported to and booked in the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$30,000.

At approximately 4:40 p.m., on Saturday, September 9, 2023, Monterey Officers and Detectives located Nichols in the area of Municipal Wharf #2. Nichols was found to be in possession of a revolver and a 20 gauge shotgun. He was arrested for violations of California Penal Code (PC) 664/187 – Attempted homicide, 246.3(a) PC – negligent discharge of a firearm and 25850(a) PC – Carrying a loaded firearm in public.

Nichols was transported to and booked in the Monterey County Jail. His bail was set at \$1,180,000.



Items found in Parker's possession



Items found in Nichols' possession

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Anyone with information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact Sergeant Greg Galin at 831-646-3872 or galin@monterey.org To remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840

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